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SUBJECT: NATO SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE - PORTIONS ON GREECE
AND TURKEY

REFS: (A) USNATO 5159; (B) ATHENS 4214 (NOTAL)

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1. WITH REFERENCE TO GREEK-TURKISH DISAGREEMENT OVER
PARAS 13 AND 14 IN DRAFT NATO SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE (SEE
PARAS 9 AND 17 OF REF A) ITALIAN DELEGATION HAS DRAFT
COMPROMISE LANGUAGE TO REPLACE PARAS 13 AND 14 WHICH IT IS
SUBMITTING TO ROME FOR CONCURRENCE. IF ROME CONCURS,
ITALIANS HERE MAY DECIDE TO INTRODUCE COMPROMISE LANGUAGE
ON MAY 24.

2. WITH REFERENCE TO EMBASSY ATHENS' RECOMMENDATION (REF B)
THAT CONTENTIOUS COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE BE DROPPED AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE, WE NOTE THAT LANGUAGE REGARDING TURKISH ARMS
EMBARGO IN PARA 14 OF DRAFT COMMUNIQUE WAS IN ALL LIKELI-
HOOD INSERTED IN INTERNATIONAL STAFF DRAFT FOR COMMUNIQUE
AT BEHEST OF TURKS. WHILE STRONG TURKISH POSITION IN SUP-
PORT OF THEIR VERSION OF PARA 14 MAKES IT MORE THAN
UNCERTAIN THAT ITALIAN COMPROMISE TEXT WOULD APPEAL TO
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TURKS, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT DISCOURAGE ITALIANS FROM
TRYING. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

3. SUBSTITUTE ITALIAN TEXT FOLLOWS:

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THE ALLIANCE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE RECENT DEVELOP-
MENTS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY INITIATED BY THE HIGH LEVEL

DIALOGUE BETWEEN THEM AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT FURTHER
STEPS WILL BE TAKEN IN ORDER TO SOLVE IN A MUTUALLY
ACCEPTABLE WAY THE EXISTING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES.

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IN THIS REGARD THE ALLIANCE REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE IT
ATTACHES TO THE STRENGTHENING OF COHESION AND SOLIDARITY
IN THE SOUTH-EASTERN FLANK AND TO RESUMPTION OF FULL
COOPERATION AMONG ITS MEMBERS ON THE PROCUREMENT OF
DEFENCE EQUIPMENT. END TEXT. GLITMAN

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